

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Initially, Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for conducting an interview with Applicant's representative, Pat Reed, on January 16, 2008.

During the interview, Applicant's representative presented arguments distinguishing the claims from the cited references.

Several proposed claim amendments for clarification were also discussed during the interview. Applicant's representative understood the Examiner to tentatively agree that the claims, amended for clarification as proposed during the interview, would be allowable over at least the art of record, subject to further search. Accordingly, without conceding the propriety of the rejections and in the interest of expediting allowance of the application, Applicant herein amends claims 1, 22, and 23 in the manner discussed during the interview.

Claims 1, 3, 6, 8-18, 22, and 23 are believed to be allowable for at least the reasons discussed during the interview.